

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/864,481

Applicant(s)

CAVANAUGH ET AL.

Examiner

Adolfo Nino

Art Unit

2831

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Amendment filed 9/11/03.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-29.
3. ☐ The drawings filed on _____ are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * Certified copies not received: _____.
5. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
 - (a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
6. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application. **THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

7. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
8. ☒ CORRECTED DRAWINGS must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No. _____.
 - (b) ☒ including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed 11 September 2003, which has been approved by the Examiner.
 - (c) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No. _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet.

9. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No. _____ |
| 5 <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449), Paper No. _____ | 6 <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
| 7 <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material | 8 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9 <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

Drawings

The drawings were received on 9/11/03. These drawings are acceptable.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-29 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The primary reason for the indication of the allowability of claims 1-7 and 21-23 is the inclusion therein of the limitation of "a backplane member that couples simultaneously to multiple backplanes, the backplane member defining multiple rows of holes, each row of holes including at least two holes" in combination with the other claim limitations. This limitation was neither disclosed nor taught by the cited prior art, alone or in combination.

The primary reason for the indication of the allowability of claims 8-15 and 24-26 is the inclusion therein of the limitation of "a back plane member that couples simultaneously to the multiple backplanes, the backplane member defining multiple rows of holes, each row of holes including at least two holes" in combination with the other claim limitations. This limitation was neither disclosed nor taught by the cited prior art, alone or in combination.

The primary reason for the indication of the allowability of claims 16-20 and 27-29 is the inclusion therein of the limitation of "fastening a power supply member, which is configured to couple to the power supply, to a backplane member, which is configured to couple simultaneously to the multiple backplanes...the backplane member

defining multiple rows of holes, each row of holes including at least two holes" in combination with the other claim limitations. This limitation was neither disclosed nor taught by the cited prior art, alone or in combination.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments, see page 13 of Amendment, filed 9/11/03, with respect to the rejection under § 102 of independent claims 1, 8 and 16 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejection under § 102 of claims 1, 8 and 16 has been withdrawn. Examiner agrees with Applicant's argument that the plates 51, 53 of Duke are not multiple backplanes for which a backplane is a device (e.g., a motherboard) which connects together multiple circuit boards to provide communication therebetween and the Duke plates 51, 53 are not capable of operating to provide communication between circuit boards while still perform there operation of maintaining an ampere rating for the bars 41, 43, 45 from one busway to the next.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Adolfo Nino whose telephone number is (703) 305-1071. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (7:30-5:00).

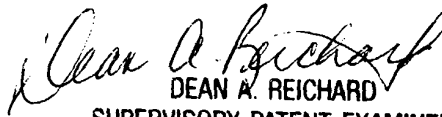
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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dean A Reichard can be reached on (703) 308-3682. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0956.

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